



# The Chitimacha Newsletter

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## Notes from the Chairman's Office

Greetings,

It has been an exceptionally busy summer for all of us here. Events have come and gone before we could even reminisce a little bit. I was most pleased with the participation in the past election and would like to express my heartfelt thanks to those who recognized the benefits of participating either as a candidate or voter. We have now reelected the incumbents and they have begun their renewed journey of representing you.

We have made definite strides in the planning and development of our casino expansion. At this printing, we are in the process of negotiating financing terms with the Whitney Bank. These negotiations are moving ahead in a positive manner and will be the subject of a "private mailing" to all Chitimacha Membership 18 years old and older. Be on the lookout for the special mailing to inform you of the investment strategy we've put together. I will enclose a summary of construction and budget requirements so as to share with you how we intend to accomplish our mission. In short, I think you'll like the design concept and the projection of profit. Check it out.



In other news, we just recently enjoyed a great day of fun in the sun here on the rez. This day was filled with good food, good fun and a whole lot of visiting with friends. I saw children enjoying the games, rides and amusements and witnessed the adults taking part in cooking a few of our traditional dishes. Hot? Did someone say? Well, the heat was made bearable only because the scholarship department and their workforce designed water games and cool zones for some relief. Since most of these zones were in the school yard, we called them our "scool" zones. O.K.....A play on words or spelling, I'm not sure which.

As summer comes to a close, I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the dog days of the season and get ready for school days to begin. Until next time, Be safe, Be kind and Enjoy life.

Huya, Nito

### **Resolutions for the Month of May**

- #17/04** Authorizes Toby to submit an application for the 2004 Title VII – Formula Grants to Local Education Agencies, Indian Education Programs from the Department of Education and to negotiate and sign any and all documents pertaining to the application and/or grant.
- #18/04** Authorizes the submission of the FY 2005 CCDF application for the funding of Child Care Services for the Tribe and authorizes Toby to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant.
- #19/04** Authorizes the submission of the FY 2005 Title IV-B application for the funding of Children’s Services for the Tribe and authorizes Toby to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant.
- #20/04** Authorizes Toby to submit a DOJ, COPS, Tribal Resources Grant program 2004 grant application for fiscal year 2004 for the purpose of providing funding for police protection on the Reservation, and to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant.

### **Resolutions for the Month of June**

- #21/04** Land lease for Lonnie Lucas Martin.
- #22/04** Authorizes Dr. Julian Granberry to have a Chitimacha Language grammar guide and dictionary published as approved by the Cultural Department and the Tribal Council.
- #23/04** Home ownership for the property held in the name of the Estate of Huey P. Darden, Sr.
- #24/04** Home ownership for the property held in the name of the Estate of Harold P. Darden, Sr.
- #25/04** Home ownership for the property held in the name of the Estate of Elizabeth Theresa Vilcan Odgen.
- #26/04** Authorizes Toby to sign the amended 2004 – 2005 Roads Priority List for the purpose of establishing new roadway priorities for the future of the Tribe.
- #27/04** Authorizes the Chairman or his designated representative, to execute any and all documents pertaining to the sale of individual lots within Silver Creek Subdivision.
- #28/04** Authorizes the Chairman to sign the Right of Way agreement for the purpose of establishing R.O.W. for the relocation, construction and maintenance of Utilities for the planned expansion of the Tribal Gaming Facility.

## TRIBAL COURT NEWS

### CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

#### MAY & JUNE: (Combined)

#### CASES: (45)

**21 Civil Action** (19 Garnishments/1 Civil Environmental Violation/1 Petition for Damages)

**08 Traffic** (8 Civil Traffic Infractions)

**02 Criminal** (2 Criminal Complaints)

**14 Domestic** (12 Petition for Disbursement of Funds/1 Petition for Guardianship/1 Petition for Divorce)

**MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (62)**  
(Assignment/Liens)

**MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: (06)**  
(3 Act of Transfer/1 Marriage License/1 General Power of Attorney/1 Cash Deed)

**TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED IN  
MAY & JUNE, 2004  
(113)**

### CASES PENDING AS OF JULY 1, 2004

#### TRIBAL COURT: (25)

**09 CIVIL**  
**08 DOMESTIC RELATIONS**  
**03 CRIMINAL**  
**03 TRAFFIC**  
**00 CRIMINAL TRAFFIC**  
**01 JUVENILE**  
**00 APPEAL**  
**01 PROBATE**

### COURT SESSIONS:

#### TRIBAL COURT: MAY

The first regular session was conducted on **May 4, 2004**, at which time **5** matters were scheduled to be heard. One matter was reset for a later date.

**(01) CIVIL**  
**(03) DOMESTIC**  
**(01) JUVENILE**

One special session was conducted on **May 12, 2004** at which time **1** matter was heard.

**(01) CRIMINAL**

The second regular session was conducted on **May 25, 2004**, at which time **16** matters were scheduled to be heard. Two matters were reset for later dates and one matter was dismissed.

**(03) CIVIL**  
**(02) DOMESTIC**  
**(02) JUVENILE**  
**(05) TRAFFIC**  
**(04) CRIMINAL**

#### TRIBAL COURT: JUNE

One regular session was conducted on **June 8, 2004** at which time **21** matters were scheduled to be heard. Six matters were dismissed and two matters were reset for later dates.

### NEXT REGULAR SESSION:

Our next regular session is scheduled for Tuesday, **July 6, 2004**, with open sessions beginning at **10:00 a.m.**

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at (337) 923-7806; or come by anytime. We are located at 343 Navarro St., Chitimacha Reservation; and our regular office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

## News from the Chitimacha Police Department

Ronald Vidallia, Chief of Police



### June 2004

During the month of June, 2004 two traffic citations were issued—one for a stop sign violation and one for operating a vehicle with a switched license plate.

For the month of June 2004, the following arrests were logged—one male subject arrested for disturbing the peace intoxicated, one male subject arrested for simple battery, simple battery domestic abuse, and criminal damage to property, one female subject arrested for disturbing the peace intoxicated and simple criminal damage to property, and one female subject arrested for theft.

**Congratulations to Communications Officer Erin Vilcan on becoming P.O.S.T. certified.** From April 19 to June 30, 2004, Erin attended the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office 41<sup>st</sup> Basic Training Academy. During this time she received instruction on various topics which included legal aspects, report writing, accident investigations, calls in progress, courtroom testimony, defensive tactics, domestic violence, fingerprinting, first aid, interrogation, hostage negotiations, interview and interrogation, chemical weapons, radar certification, police ethics, vehicle stops, weapon certification and physical training. Good job Erin!

### FOUR WHEELERS/ATV'S

Now that summertime is here and the children are out of school, we have noticed increased activity with four-wheelers and dirt bikes on the reservation. However, we have been getting quite a few calls and concerns from residents about juveniles riding their ATV's and dirt bikes on the roadways in a careless manner and riding too fast. We are asking parents, guardians, or a responsible adult in the household to please review with the children, the following DO's and DON'TS concerning the riding of ATV's.

#### DO'S:

- ≈Ride on the side of the road when going from one place to another.
- ≈Ride on the side of the road when doing errands for parents. **NO JOYRIDING.**
- ≈Ride on your own property.

#### DON'TS:

- ≈Do not ride on the roadway itself or down the middle of the roadway.
- ≈Do not ride on any tribal property (park, walking track, construction areas, etc.)
- ≈Do not ride after dark.

**NOTE: RIDING OF DIRT BIKES OR FOUR WHEELERS/ATV'S ON THE TRIBAL FESTIVAL GROUNDS, LOCATED NEAR YAAMAHANA, OR THE OPEN AREA BEHIND YAAMAHANA, IS NOT ALLOWED.**

The riding of four wheelers/ATV's on the reservation is a privilege and can be revoked at any time.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If police officers have to warn the same individuals continually about riding dirt bikes and ATV's in a careless manner on the roadways, citations will have to be issued and the ATV can be impounded.

Please obey the DO'S and DON'TS concerning ATV's on the roadways, and let's have a safe and accident free summer!

## **HOUSING NEWS**

**By: Marilyn Burgess**

### **WELCOME NEW HOUSING COMMISSIONER**

I would like to take this time to welcome Howard Mora, Jr. as the newest housing commissioner. The housing board and I look forward to working with Howard and I know he will do a great job.

The board and I would like to thank Whitney Vilcan for his many years of service to housing. Whitney was an asset to the board and his help and knowledge were greatly appreciated!

### **HOUSING AUTHORITY HOMES**

I would like to remind all of our housing participants that we must operate the housing authority office according to federal regulations. Please read your mutual help occupancy agreement (mho) or lease purchase agreement and be familiar with the contents of these documents. I am trying not to get involved with the way our participants live their lives; however, if eviction proceedings are necessary I must follow the regulations. If anyone has questions concerning these documents or our policies, please feel free to call or come by the office and I will try to answer your questions. Remember, these will be your homes soon so let's continue to have a good working relationship until that time comes.

### **MONTHLY HOUSE PAYMENTS**

I would like to stress to all participants, whose homes are managed by the housing authority, that we will be strictly enforcing regulations for anyone who is delinquent with their monthly payment. These late payments reflect negatively in our annual audits and we are striving to eliminate these findings. **PLEASE HAVE YOUR PAYMENTS TO ME ON OR BEFORE THE 10<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH. A FEE OF \$50.00 WILL BE ADDED TO ANY LATE PAYMENT.**

**I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK ALL THOSE PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE ALWAYS ON TIME WITH THEIR MONTHLY PAYMENTS. YOU ARE TRULY A PLEASURE TO SERVE. I JUST WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT I DO NOT GET ANY PLEASURE OUT OF HAVING TO SEND LATE PAYMENT LETTERS OR TO ISSUE EVICTION PROCEEDINGS.**

## **Housing News (Continued)**

### **ANNUAL RECERTIFICATIONS**

I will be sending out letters to all participants for annual recertifications. When you receive your letter, please contact me by phone or come by the office so that any changes to your income or number of household members can be noted. I will complete the paperwork; however, you must sign the documents.

Please help me so that we can complete all recertifications in a timely manner. **Remember, this is another federal regulation that needs to be in compliance!**

### **WAITING LIST**

I know many of you are discouraged with the length of time that your housing application has been on file. The board and I are trying very hard to alleviate the housing shortage on the reservation. At this time, I would like to stress the importance of updating your information on your application. If you fail to update your information, you may not be considered eligible when a home becomes available. If you do not have an application on file and are interested in completing one, please call me or come by the office. I will be happy to mail one to you or sit down with you to explain the process.

We are looking at the availability of our funds to possibly construct three homes. If these three homes become a reality, all updated applications will be taken into consideration for occupancy.

### **FANNIE MAE PROGRAM**

I would like to take this time to encourage any tribal member who wishes to construct their home, to take advantage of the Fannie Mae program that is available through the Whitney Bank or First National Bank of Jeanerette. This is a great program that has taken a lot of hard work from the tribe and the two participating banks to reach the final product. There are funds available, so please call Whitney bank at (337) 828-4627 or first national bank of Jeanerette at (337) 276-3692 if you should have any questions or if you are interested in applying for a loan through this program.

### **HOUSING MEETINGS**

Just a reminder! Our housing meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Our meetings are scheduled for 5:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Development/Housing office. If you wish to be placed on the agenda, please call me by 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. Please feel free to just attend so that you can stay informed of what's going on with housing.

**OUR JUNE MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1, 2004 DUE TO CONFLICTING TRAVEL SCHEDULES.**

**Public Works Department:****From: Tony Darden, Public Works Director**

**Here's the run down on what happened, what's going on and what's in the works for the Public Works Department.**

**Summer Youth Program:**

The Public Works Department would like to welcome the following Summer Youth Workers Eric Bobbitt, Shannon Cook, Blaise Darden, Samantha Darden, Tara Darden, Kyle Hebert, Coty Martin, Melvin Thompson and Schuyler Vilcan. This is our 8<sup>th</sup> year having a summer youth program. These youths has been really busy helping us in the beautification of our reservation. Our program started on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and ending on July 16, 2004. We have had a great summer and will miss all of our young workers. And good luck when you return back to school.

**Road Maintenance:**

We are asking the residents on Chitimacha Trail to help on keeping the drainage working properly. When cutting your grass please do not throw it onto the streets this causes the drains to stop up and water staying on the road. With all the rain we are having we need all drains open in order for safe driving condition.

Residents on roads that have ditches we are asking that all ditches be clear of debris so that they may flow properly, so we can try and keep the mosquito population down to a minimum when debris is collected in ditches this restrict the flow and causes blockage of rain water and becomes a habitat for mosquito breeding. So lets work together on keeping our community safe from the West Nile virus.

**Mosquito Spraying:**

We have begun spraying for mosquitos and will be spraying 5 days a week. but if it be-

comes necessary for us to spray seven days a week. We want to make sure that we are protected from the west Nile virus. We are asking that the children of the community not to follow the truck when it is spraying. We will be spraying at sundown when the mosquitos are most active.

### **No Dumping:**

We are asking the residents of the community not to dump your tree limbs behind Rivercane. This site is to be used only by the Public Works Department employee's for limbs and other debris that are collected from tribal buildings and park. If you have any debris that you need to dispose of we ask that you may bring it to Franklin Wastemangement Facilities that is located on Northwest Boulevard.

### **Waste Oil:**

Please remember that the maintenance department is still accepting waste oil. if you have any you would like to dispose of you may bring it to the shop. This service is only available between the hours of 7:30 A.M. thru 5:00 P.M. Monday - Thursday. And 7:30 A.M. thru 11:30 A.M. Friday.

Please check with one of the maintenance workers prior to any disposal.

### **Dumpsters:**

The dumpsters that are located at the Maintenance Shop and at the Trading Post is for the use of tribal facilities only. Private household garbage should be disposed of at Wastemanagement facilities in Franklin.

### **Tribal Property:**

If you are planning to use the tribal tractor or trailers on weekends, you **Musts** come by the Public Works Department before 11:30 A.M. on Friday's to sign out for the equipment. If you fail to do so then there will be **No equipment loaned out on Saturday or Sunday's.** Thank you for your cooperation. We are asking that if you borrow any equipment from the tribe that you return it as soon as you are finish. We do have other tribal member's waiting to borrow the equipment so by returning it on time everyone gets a chance to use the equipment.

*We are looking for our picnic tables. If you have any of our picnic tables we are asking that you return them as soon as possible. These tables are use will we have functions under the pavilion.*

### **Public Works Department:**

Land, Sewer, Utilities, Roads and Facilities.



## Recreation News

**Billy St. Blanc, Director**

We are currently in the hot hazy days of summer. Now is a perfect time to sit by the pool and relax and occasionally dip in to cool off. Our pool is wide open for use since the end of swim lessons and swim team activities. We have lifeguards on duty from 1:00 to 4:00 pm Tuesday thru Saturdays until August 6<sup>th</sup> when school resumes. After that date, lifeguards will only be on Saturdays. Family swimming hours are Tuesday thru Thursdays 5:30 am to 7:00, Saturdays 4:00 to 7:00 and Sundays from 1:00 to 7:00.

All the kids that went through swim lessons were “carded” according to level of their swimming ability. This follows the guidelines of a program designed by the American Red Cross. We had two successful swim meets here at the Rec Center pool versus the New Iberia Aquatics Swim Team. They were held on consecutive Wednesdays June 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The hard practices and stroke technique mastery proved to be a great advantage for our team. Opening ceremonies featured swimming with colors during the national Anthem. The Swimming Honor Guard included **Lindsay Martin, Jonathan Murray, Ariel Marsh** and **Marlie Guillotte**. At the conclusion of the season, all swimmers were invited to an end of season swim party that featured underwater” treasure hunts”, rescue

ring relays, food, drinks, music and lots of wet fun!

***Our team is pictured at left with coaches.***



Congratulations go to **Davy Darden** who made his first hole in one while playing in a golf tournament at Bro-

ken Pine Country Club in Franklin on Wednesday, Jun 23, 2004. He scored the ace on number six, a 150 yard par three, using a seven iron. On a personal note, I've been playing golf for about 37 years and have yet to accomplish that feat.

We still have several of our team's members playing "All Star" Baseball. The kids that made all stars in their age divisions are the following: **Kole Fluke, Dallas Brown, Justin Ardeneaux, Miles Perez, Jonathan Murray, Dustin Bobbitt, Aaron LeBlanc, Karli Mensman, Devynn DePue, Erica Compton, Morgan Baudoin, Macy Guillotte, and Hannah Lagarde.**

***Pictured at right is Lindsey Martin at batting practice with Coach Theresa Lombardo.***

***Brett Senette on our 9-10 year old team is pictured below at third base.***



***Our 3-4 year old team is pictured below with Coach Kared Parro.***

Thanks to all parents and coaches that made our season fun and memorable.

It is time to start practicing and preparing for our annual Canoe Races to be held at the boat landing for the third consecutive year. This year's tentative date has been set for July 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

The next team sport on tap for kids is soccer. Clinics, practice and league game will begin around September 2<sup>nd</sup> with registration being held the week of August 9<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004.



Once again our summer programs have been made possible with cooperation of the scholarship program. This year's summer camp started on June 21 and is scheduled to wrap up on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The kids are enjoying a myriad of classes and activities such as hiking at Lake Fausse Point, library excursions, culture classes, Police and Fire department demonstrations, arts and crafts and other Culture related field trips. The summer campers, along with Yaamahana, are really taking advantage of the pool this month.



**CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL**  
**NOTICE**

First day of school for the  
2004-2005 school year:

***Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>***

Full day of school!

*New Students:*

please register as soon as possible!

*Documents needed:*

Social Security Card

Birth Certificate

Up-to-date Immunization Record

(check your child's immunization record – your child may be  
in need of immunizations. Immunizations must be  
up-to-date upon enrollment!)

If you have any questions, please call CTS

Summer hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays - 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Supply lists** were sent home in May.

They are also available at CTS and at Wal-Mart.

## **Human Services News**

**Karen Matthews, Social Services Director**

**Amy Simon, Human Services Specialist**

Hello! Human Services wish to congratulate a Chitimacha Tribal Youth for successfully completing the St. Mary Parish 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Family-Focus Juvenile Drug Court. The Juvenile Drug Court Graduation Ceremony was conducted on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin Courthouse with Judge Keith Comeaux presiding. The Tribal Youth was also honored as the first youth to graduate without being sanctioned for a noncompliance since the existence of the Family-Focus Juvenile Drug Court Program.

Our Chairman, Mr. Alton LeBlanc accepted the invitation of the St. Mary Parish 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Family-Focus Juvenile Drug Court as the Guest Speaker for this special occasion. Chairman LeBlanc shared with the graduates that he and the Tribal Council are proud of their accomplishment and willingness to take advantage of the “second chance” given to them. Judge Cameron Simmons of the Chitimacha Tribal Court was also in attendance at the Graduation and offered words of encouragement to the graduates.

On July 6<sup>th</sup> in Tribal Court, Human Services presented the Chitimacha W.A.R.R.I.O.R.S. Recovery Award (Willing to be A Responsible, Respectful Individual on Our Reservation and in Society) to this Tribal Youth on behalf of the Chitimacha Tribe, Human Services Department, Tribal Court and Tribal Police Department for this youth’s dedication and commitment in overcoming a substance abuse addiction. Special Thanks is extended to this Tribal Youth’s parents for their cooperation, support and participation in the Family-Focus Juvenile Drug Court Program.

On Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, Amy Simon, Human Services Specialist presented information regarding “Respect” to the Chitimacha Summer Youth Camp participants. Karen Matthews, Social Services Director attended the Semi-Annual USET (United South and Eastern Tribes Inc.) Meeting in Hollywood, Florida June 14<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> and attended the Biennial Child Welfare Conference Focus on Evidence Based Practice in Washington, D.C., on June 28<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>.

***Until next time....Never underestimate the power of a kind word or deed.***

**ENROLLMENT NEWS:****By: Ardith Soprano, Enrollment Director**

**NOTICE:** We have been working to up-date our Tribal Enrollment Records in order to bring them up-to-standard. Our Enrollment records are the backbone of our Tribe. It is very important that each and every Tribal Member's files be accurate.

We have sent out letters to some of you, asking your help in bringing your records up-to-date. Some of you have responded very quickly. We appreciate your help!

However, some of you have failed to respond at all. This makes the job of up-dating our records impossible. We need the help of all of you. So I ask that, should you receive a letter from the Enrollment Office asking for documents, that you please assist us by sending those documents as soon as you can.

**ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS:** Applications for Enrollment can be obtained by calling the Enrollment Office at (337) 923-2463 or by writing:

Chitimacha Enrollment  
P.O. Box 661  
Charenton, LA 70523

Each application must include a certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate plus documentation establishing that the applicant is a direct descendant of person(s) listed on the 1926 Annuity Roll and/or the 1959 Census Roll.

**CHANGE OF INFORMATION:** Please remember to notify the Enrollment Office of any changes in your address, phone number, or name. It is always a problem to keep our phone and mailing lists current. So, if you have any changes that need to be reported, please send them to the Enrollment Office at the above address.

If you have had a name change, please provide legal documentation of such along with a copy of your new Social Security Card showing your new name.

**ARE YOU PREGNANT???** Are you or someone in your family pregnant? If so, please remember that your new child must be officially enrolled into the Tribe. You must notify us of the birth of your child. If you do not let us know, then we cannot assist you in the enrollment process.

So call or write to us with any questions that you may have about enrolling your child.

**BIRTHS:** It is important that we enroll all of our newborns. Sometimes we tend to forget that paperwork needs to be done in order to officially enroll our babies in the Tribe. So, if you or someone in your family is pregnant or has recently had a baby, please notify this office to begin the enrollment process. We cannot enroll your child if we do not have the required paperwork.



**DEATHS:** If you have recently lost a loved one, please notify the Enrollment Office. It is necessary to obtain a copy of the death certificate in order for us to adjust our Enrollment records.

**DNA TESTING:** As you may know, DNA testing is now required for applicants who are claiming eligibility through their Chitimacha Father. What you may not know is that we have selected a DNA testing company to conduct all of our required DNA tests. They have collection sites throughout the country and are able to assist all of our Tribal Members with their tests.

You do not have to utilize our testing company if you would like to make arrangements elsewhere. However, if we are to cover the cost of the tests, you must coordinate the testing through this office and have them conducted by our company.

Also, if you have to have a DNA test conducted, we ask that you utilize our Health Clinic as your collection site. This helps us save the collection fees which can be very expensive.

If you have any questions about enrolling your child, please feel free to come by or call the office.

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS:**

**By: Ardith Soprano, Continuing Education Director**

#### ***IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:***

#### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Once a student has been approved to receive funding through the Student Aid Program, that student is required to provide the following documents by the specified deadline:

- Tuition receipt - within 10 days of payment
- Class schedule - within 10 days of the beginning of the term
- Book receipts - as soon as possible
- SAR - once per calendar year
- Grade report - at the end of each term

Students failing to provide the required documents by the specified deadlines may be declared ineligible.

#### **COMMUNITY PAYBACK OPPORTUNITIES!**

The following is a list of proposed activities for the upcoming months. If you are interested in participating in the proposed activities, please make sure to schedule your hours with Ms. Debbie @ 337-923-4973 extension 3026. If she is not available please leave a message on her voice mail and she will get back to you.

Please remember in order to make our program a success we need the participation of our students. This is our time to prove to the community and to the administration our dedication and commitment to making our program a success. So just give us a call @ 337-923-4973 ext. 3026(voicemail) or email me at [debdarden@chitimacha.gov](mailto:debdarden@chitimacha.gov) and let us know if you plan on participating in any of these events.

Also, please remember to wear your blue T-shirt for any group activity. Our blue shirts define us as an organization and should only be worn when you are participating in these types of activities.

**REMEMBER, THE BLUE SCHOLARSHIP T-SHIRTS ARE ONLY TO BE WORN WHEN PARTICIPATING IN SCHOLARSHIP EVENTS...THEY ARE NOT TO BE WORN FOR EVERYDAY USE!!**

**If you call to schedule hours, remember ...."If you sign up you must show up!"**

### **COMMUNITY PAY BACK PROGRAM UPDATE:**

The Community Pay Back Program is undergoing some positive changes. Because of the large number of students who carry large numbers of hours, we have implemented the weekend projects. Involvement in these activities allows our students to participate in projects that involve our young people and our elders. These projects are being designed to bring the Community together in wholesome activities.

### **COMMUNITY PAYBACK BRAG SESSION!!!**

We are working on our Scholarship Photo albums. We would love for each of you to come by the office or to stop by our photo displays at our Tribal Gatherings. We have some great photos of you all. We also need your help to identify some of our young people in some of the photos. So, stop by and see if you can help us put a name to our young people.

## COMMUNITY PAY BACK PROGRAM *IN ACTION*



### **ACT Class**

The ACT Test is very important for college entrance, so the scholarship workers started a class to familiarize students with the test structure and help them improve their skills. Jessica Stechmann led the class and Slade Bobbitt, Kaitlyn Stechmann, Kristen Louviere, and Megan Persilver attended the class.

\*\*\*For more information about upcoming events, contact the Scholarship Office.

This summer, we had three weeks of camp with a different age group each week, covering ages 5 until 12. The camp was at the recreation center and was lead by scholarship workers: Sarah Sense, Drew Sense, Jeremy Mora, Travis Mora, Melissa Butaud, Jessica Stechmann, and Kaitlyn Stechmann. We went on fun field trips to Lake Fausse Point, the Grevemberg House, the Chitimacha museum, the Baldwin Library, and to see Shrek 2. Ms. Amy from Health Services taught us about respect, while Ms. Judith, the dietician, taught us about healthy eating. Sparky the fire dog from the Fire Department came to visit us on the Fire Engine. Over the three weeks, we had over twenty students attend camp. Thanks to all who made this camp possible and successful!

## Movie Night

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# OFFICIAL RESULTS OF ELECTION

6-12-2004

Date of Election

Absentee Ballots Issued 41

Absentee Ballots Received 40

Absentee Ballots Spoiled 1

Absentee Ballots Counted 40

Official Ballots Issued 266

Official Ballots Received 266

Official Ballots Spoiled 0

Official Ballots Counted 266

Total Ballots Counted 306

Candidates	Votes
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## Secretary - Treasurer

Ronnie R. Martin	46
Tricia Mora	119
Toby C. Darden	137

## Council Member

John Paul Darden	207
Adrian J. Bernard	141
Leslie D. Proctor	98
Rodney L. Burgess	69
Patrick A. Simoneaux	47

Candidates	Votes
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## School Board


/s/ Jules M. Darden

Election Board Chairman

/s/ Ondina L. Saviole

Election Board Secretary

## OFFICIAL RESULTS OF RUNOFF ELECTION

7-10-2004

Date of Election

Absentee Ballots Issued 29

Absentee Ballots Received 29

Absentee Ballots Spoiled	1
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**Absentee Ballots Counted** 28

Official Ballots Issued 184

Official Ballots Received 184

Official Ballots Spoiled 0

Official Ballots Counted 184

**Total Ballots Counted** 212

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
DIVISION OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE  
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE SECTION

This is the public release that will be sent to Chitimacha Newsletter  
Names of News Media Outlets

and \_\_\_\_\_  
Major Employers Contemplating Layoffs

on \_\_\_\_\_ . These groups must be advised of program availability, new programs, or changes  
Date  
in existing programs.

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals served  
Local School Food Authority  
under the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Program(s). All schools and the central office have  
a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following family size and annual income criteria will be used for determining eligibility:

Eligibility Criteria		
Family Size	Free Meals	Reduced-Price Meals
1	\$12,103	\$17,224
2	16,237	23,107
3	20,371	28,990
4	24,505	34,873
5	28,639	40,756
6	32,773	46,639
7	36,907	52,522
8	41,041	58,405
For each additional family Member add:	+4,134	+5,883

Children from families whose income level is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Application forms are being sent to all homes, along with a letter to households. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out an application for each child and return it to the school. If a multi-child application is used, the head of the household should complete one per household. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. The information provided by the household is confidential; it will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Information may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, each household that is now receiving Food Stamps or that is on the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) must its Food Stamp case number or FITAP number as well as the signature of an adult household member. All other households must provide the following information on the application: names of all household members; the social security number of either the parent/guardian who is the primary wage earner, or the adult household member who signs the application, or a statement that the household member does not possess one; the amount of income (before deductions for taxes, Social Security, etc.) each household member receives; how often the person receives the income; where it is from, such as wages, retirement, or welfare; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Households that list a Food Stamp or a FITAP case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for meal benefits.

Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may be eligible for benefits. If a household has foster children and wishes to apply for such meals for them, the household should contact the school for more information.

**School Food Authorities that use direct certification benefits should add the following paragraph with appropriate changes:**

**Households that receive Food Stamps or FITAP benefits are not required to complete an application. School officials will determine eligibility for free meals based on documentation obtained directly from the Food Stamp/FITAP office, which will certify that a child is a member of a household currently receiving Food Stamps an assistance unit receiving FITAP benefits. School officials will notify households of their eligibility and that the household must notify the school when it no longer receives Food Stamps or FITAP benefits. Households who are notified of their eligibility but do not want their children to receive free meals must contact the school. Food Stamp and FITAP households should complete an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by \_\_\_\_\_.**

Date

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price policy, Mary Naquin, (Determining Official) will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make either an oral or written response to the following:

**Name:** Tanya Rosamond, Principal

**Address:** 3613 Chitimacha Trail, Jeanerette, LA 70544

**Phone Number:** 337/923-9960

The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedures.

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NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

**To:** Parents and Community Members of the Chitimacha Tribal School

**From:** Chitimacha Tribal School Staff

CTS would like to take this opportunity to invite the public to view the amendments to the Consolidated School Reform Plan. The School Improvement Team and the school staff have created, organized, and implemented a five-year plan to achieve academic and social goals to provide the best possible education to the students of the Chitimacha Tribal School.

All BIA/grant schools are required to annually implement, review, and make adjustments to the Consolidated School Reform Plan.

Please feel free to review and make comments on the plan at any time during the school year between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and also during Open House, parent workshops, etc.

If you should have any questions, please call Tanya at 923-9960.

Thank you for your support of this endeavor.





## **COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

**Call Kitty @ (337) 923-4973 to place an Ad**

The Diabetes Prevention Program  
Invites you to the following:

Breakfast with the Health Department  
Wednesday, August 11, 2004  
@ RiverCane  
7:30 a.m. thru 9:00 a.m.

Cooking Class  
Wednesday, August 25, 2004  
@ Health Clinic  
5:30 p.m. thru 7 p.m.

